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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of: Takenori IDEHARA  
For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING  
METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/082,127  
Filed: May 20, 1998  
Group Art Unit: 2724  
Examiner: King Y. Poon

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2000, which provides for a response period ending November 1, 2000.

A petition to extend the period for response to the Examiner's Action dated August 1, 2000, by three months to February 1, 2001, is being submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: